

Community Preservation Committee Meeting on March 7, 2013

Place: Town Hall

6:30 p.m. meeting was called to order by Chairman Lucas.

Quorum/Attendance

Members present: Chairman Lucas, Andrew Jones, William Markey, Terrence Meredith, Ann Richard and Frank Rezendes.

Members not in attendance: Cynthia McNaughten, James Souza and Jay Simmons

Planning Director William Roth was also in attendance.

Acceptance of Minutes of January 17, 2013

Andrew Jones motioned the minutes of January 17, 2003. Terrence Meredith seconded the motion and the motion passed in favor unanimously.

Bills:

None

Special Town Meeting Request

1. Fairhaven High School – Fire Escapes

Paul Kitchen from the School Department was in attendance

William Roth – The school submitted a CPC Article, last year, for a High School Restoration Project in the amount of \$173,000.00, which a portion was to be use as a grant match. They did not receive the grant; therefore there is a balance of approximately of \$105,000.00. They are now asking that the \$105,000.00 be re-appropriated to provide funding to repair the fire escapes. I met with Mr. Kitchen and the architect. There are three separate scenarios that they're looking at: repair and fix both escapes, replace the west escape and repair the east escape and replace both. The cost range is from \$150,000.00 to \$300,000.00. The School Department will have to get additional funding for any of the options.

Mr. Meredith discusses the issue and what repairs have been done to date.

Paul Kitchen – The exterior of the porticos have been re-pointed. They did the same with the gables. They have been completed and this represents the balance.

Terrence Meredith: So instead of giving it back to us, the School Committee wants to use the balance for another High School Project?

William Roth- Yes, that's where the \$105,000.00 comes from and the language in the Article will reflect that. It would still be contingent on the School Committee getting the balance of the required funds.

Ann Richard asked about the use of the classrooms during these procedures.

Mr. Kitchen – The plan is to have the project occur during the summer when the school is not in use.

Frank Rezendes – What are we looking for are, both or either, options. There are no structural changes?

William Roth – No. The middle of the road option is to sandblast the second one. That way you may get twenty-five years out of them.

Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Roth explained the reasoning.

Andrew Jones – One can use it as an accessory structure.

Chairman Lucas: But not as an historical structure.

Andrew Jones: When was the school considered an historical structure?

William Roth- It was brought up during the 1980s.

Chairman Lucas – I always feel uncomfortable with the public not being here. I mean it is a public meeting. But I feel that way with nobody here.

Andrew Jones - I agree. It might be unfair to those who are waiting for the money. I called Bill about this. It could be a concern to the general public.

Terrence Meredith - I agree. Especially since this is a public meeting. The money shouldn't sit around. But the 11th hour concept is valid.

William Roth– We've never re-apportioned before, but it is allowed.

Paul Kitchen – There's no other way. The money won't be used any other way. If any other option is used, classes might not be able for use.

William Roth – If there are classrooms that can't be used, then the enrollment will go down.

Paul Kitchen – So, there's a cost to the Town.

Andrew Jones – Why would you have to do it all?

Paul Kitchen– There is an order of importance of what needs to been done. As to the roof, it's in good shape. That would have been a huge cost. There are no mentions in the environmental report because it's not a priority compared to this project.

Andrew Jones motioned to re-appropriate \$105,000.00 for the repair and/or replacement of the two fire stairs located on the east and west elevation of Fairhaven High School from the ATM 5/5/12 Article 42E contingent upon school department obtaining the balance of funding for the entire project. William Markey seconded. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Any other CPC business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting.

Ann Richard noted that there was quite a discussion regarding the Oxford and Rogers School and the at the last school committee meeting.

William Roth handed out a two sided memo regarding what the Articles will look like and what the motions will be for the Board's review.

Discussion again ensued regarding these issues, including discussions about a possible future meeting with the Mattapoisett CPC Committee.

Ann Richard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Jones seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James Pelland,
Secretary, Community Preservation Committee